

SECTION A: Preliminary Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

A preferred embodiment of a ~~bathtub~~ bathing unit according to the invention is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, ~~and designated generally by the reference numeral 10.~~
In a preferred embodiment, the bathing unit is a bathtub and designated generally by the reference numeral 10. The tub 10 comprises a front side 12 adjacent to a shower head 13, an opposite rear side 14, an inner side 16, and an outer side 18 whereby a user enters and exits the tub 10. The outer side 18 includes a tub threshold 21 of particular interest to the invention. The tub 10 includes an exterior 23, and an interior, or reservoir, 25 defined by an enclosed vertical sidewall 27 and a bottom floor 29.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

In Figures 3 and 4, a bathing unit is shown, wherein in a preferred embodiment, the bathing unit is ~~of a shower stall enclosure 100, and, more particularly, a shower base assembly, or shower pan, 110, which operates to prevent leakage.~~ It is to be expressly understood that the shower base assembly 110 may be formed separately or in combination with an entire shower stall enclosure 100. In particular, the base assembly 110 comprises a front side 112 adjacent to a shower head 113, an opposite rear side 114, an inner side 116, and an outer side 118 whereby a user enters and exits the shower stall enclosure 100. The outer side 118 includes a shower threshold 121 of particular interest to the invention. The shower base assembly 110

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includes an exterior 123, and an interior 125, or reservoir, defined by an enclosed vertical sidewall 127 and a bottom floor 129.